

HEALTHCARE INTEGRATION QUESTIONED AT TOWN HALL



Approximately 600 employees gathered via WebEx, AT&T conference call and in-person at LACDMH headquarters on April 29th to hear leaders from Los Angeles County Public Health, Health Services and Mental Health departments answer questions around healthcare integration, a directive proposed by the LA County Board of Supervisors.

LACDMH co-hosted the live event with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). LACDMH staff sent questions via e-mail prior to and during the town hall which were read aloud and answered by one or more panelists, including: Marvin Southard, D.S.W., LACDMH Director; Alexander Li, M.D., DHS; and Kristin Mondy, DPH.



Alina Mendizabal (SEIU 721), acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the panelists. Of the many town halls she has attended, she said, "LACDMH's town hall was by far the BEST town hall of the six and I look forward to any future continued collaborations together."



Dr. Christina Ghaly, M.D., DHS, was also on-hand to answer questions and was impressed by the scope of the town hall held at LACDMH. “Thanks so much for your work in making the event so successful. It was amazing having so many sites be able to listen and contribute,” she said.



Dr. Li added: “Appreciate the collaborative effort and especially the amazing participation of the LACDMH staff.”

If you missed tuning into the town hall held on April 29th, you may watch it on the LACDMH intranet here: <http://dmhhqportal1/sites/th/default.aspx>

You can keep up with the integration by checking on the LA County website here: <http://priorities.lacounty.gov/health/>